

## Buff Arches *Habrosyne pyritoides* (Hufn.) (Lep.: Thyatiridae) in Dumfries and Galloway

The Buff Arches was rediscovered in Dumfries and Galloway on 9 July 1999 after an interval of sixty-four years. Three were trapped at light at Kirkdale Bank (O. S. grid reference NX 514529), near Gatehouse of Fleet, Kirkcudbrightshire, by members of the Dumfries and Galloway Group of Entomological Recorders (Grey Daggers); the same or different individuals were seen on nearby wine ropes. On the same night another Buff Arches was trapped at light 1.3 kilometres to the east at Ravenshall, NX 523523. Both sites are on the coast with much low bramble and it may be significant that these sites are directly north of the Isle of Man where Buff Arches is known to be present. Despite frequent light trapping at similar sites along the Galloway coast these remain the only recent records.

The only 20th century records for this species in Dumfries and Galloway are a series collected by the late Sir Arthur Duncan in July 1935, some 30 miles inland at Gilchristland, near Closeburn, Dumfriesshire (D. Cunningham. 1951. Butterflies and Moths of the Solway Area. Further additions and notes. *Transactions of the Dumfries and Galloway Natural History and Antiquarian Society* 1949-50, pp. 150-156, see p. 153). It is very scarce elsewhere in Scotland with most of the records based on singletons that are probably vagrants.

With thanks to Keith Bland and Peter Norman for examining the databases for previous records of Buff Arches in Scotland.— RICHARD and BARBARA MEARNs, Connansknowe, Kirkton, Dumfries DG1 1SX.

## BOOK REVIEWS

### *North West Wales Moth Report 2001*



### *Adroddiad Gwyfynod Gogledd Orllewin Cymru*

**North west Wales moth report 2001 (Adroddiad Gwyfynod Gogledd Orllewin Cymru)** compiled by **John Harold**. 114 pp., A4 – comb bound. No ISBN. Privately distributed by the compiler, from Hen Ardd, Carreg yGarth, Rhiwlas, Bangor LL57 4HD. Price not stated.

As a whole, the north-west of Wales is a relatively poorly recorded area and so this latest in a series of regional moth reports is a welcome addition to the list. It has been produced as a result of financial support from the European Union, Gwynedd Council, the British Entomological and Natural History Society, Snowdonia National Park, Conwy County Bough Council and Biota/Bioquip. The area covered includes all of Merionethshire (VC 48) Caernarvonshire (VC 49) and Anglesey (VC 52). There are no maps – this is an annual summary. Sadly, only 39 recorders are acknowledged ... surely